

**OHIO STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS**

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**Board Accepts Settlement Agreements in Four Cases**

At its meeting on August 13, 2013 the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors accepted settlement agreements from CHR Solutions, Inc., Peters Engineering, Derek Engineering of Ohio, Inc., and Richard Pohana, P.E.

**CHR Solutions, Inc.**, located in Mitchell, South Dakota, provided engineering services in Ohio at a time when the firm did not possess a Certificate of Authorization from the Board to provide engineering services in Ohio. In order to avoid further action for violations of Ohio Revised Code 4733 CHR Solutions, Inc. entered into a settlement agreement wherein the firm agreed to comply with the laws and rules governing the practice of engineering, pay a \$250.00 fine and receive a written reprimand.

**Peters Engineering**, located in Sacramento, California, provided engineering services in Ohio at a time when the firm did not possess a Certificate of Authorization from the Board to provide engineering services in Ohio. In order to avoid further action for violations of Ohio Revised Code 4733 Peters Engineering entered into a settlement agreement wherein the firm agreed to comply with the laws and rules governing the practice of engineering, pay a \$1000.00 fine and receive a written reprimand. Peters Engineering was granted a Certificate of Authorization.

**Derek Engineering of Ohio, Inc.**, located in Cincinnati, Ohio, entered into a settlement agreement wherein the firm agreed to permanently remove the term *Engineering* from its name and will not offer or provide engineering services until the firm has been granted a Certificate of Authorization from the Board. Ohio law prohibits the use of the words *Engineering* or *Surveying*, or any modification or derivation of those words, in a company's name unless the company has obtained a Certificate of Authorization from the Board.

**Richard Pohana, P.E.**, a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, engaged in the unlicensed practice of engineering by performing engineering work and affixing his engineering seal to five engineering documents for projects located in Ohio at a time when his professional engineer registration was expired. Mr. Pohana entered into a settlement agreement wherein he agreed to pay a \$1000.00 fine and receive a written reprimand.

**ABOUT THE BOARD**

*The Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors is the state agency that regulates and licenses the professions of engineering and surveying in Ohio. The Board has approximately 30,000 registered professional engineers and professional surveyors, 2,500 registered engineering and surveying firms and administers more than 2,500 licensing examinations yearly. The Board's mission is to safeguard the health, safety, property and welfare of the citizens of Ohio by providing effective licensure and regulation of professional engineers, professional surveyors and engineering and surveying firms.*